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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Fourth of July Enforcement and Education

Beginning Friday, June 30th and lasting through Tuesday, July 4th, the Arizona Department of Public Safety will be enforcing traffic and impaired driver laws, educating motorists about seatbelt and Child safety seat laws, providing driving safety tips, and proper vehicle and tire maintenance tips. This will occur with concentrated patrol efforts throughout Arizona.

Every year Arizona experiences devastating serious injury or fatality traffic collision tragedies that are as preventable, if motorists obeyed the traffic laws, wore seatbelt and safety restraints and refrained from driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. One of the deadliest holiday periods for motor vehicle drivers and passengers is fast approaching. The Fourth of July is second only to New Years Eve for the highest number of collisions nation wide during a holiday weekend. Not surprisingly, most of the serious injury and fatality collisions are the result of impaired drivers. Motorists traveling this holiday period will see an enhanced presence of Department of Public Safety Officers.

Communication and education is an essential part of the Department of Public Safety's plan to save lives during this July 4th Holiday period. DPS Officers statewide in addition to enforcement of seatbelt and DUI laws will encourage motorcyclists to wear helmets and educate motorists with materials on the importance of these laws.

DPS Officers will stress:

- Whenever you consume alcohol, have designated sober driver
- If you are impaired and do not have a designated driver, call a taxi or sober friend
- Promptly report impaired drivers you see on the roadways to the police
- If you are driving impaired, you will be arrested
- Wear your seatbelt and ensure children are properly restrained in safety/booster seats
- If you ride a motorcycle wear your protective helmets and eye protection.
- Check your vehicle for proper inflated tire pressure and maintenance
- Do not stop or park on a public highway to watch fireworks display
- Do not stop or park on a public highway to attend an event

Stopping on a public highway for a non-emergency is dangerous and it is also illegal. If you do so, you will be cited by DPS Officers or if parked your vehicle will be towed.